

Provincial of Sacred Heart province Sr. Kusum visited our school on 06.07.17. The students of Std XI conducted the morning assembly for welcoming her. She spoke few inspirational words to the students. Teachers had a short meeting with Sr. Kusum in presence of our principal Sr. Sheetal. She congratulated the principal and the teachers for the excellent board results. Sr. Kusum spoke to the teachers and focused on creating enthusiasm among the students to explore themselves. Meeting was followed by the fellowship meal given by Sr. Kusum.

Please Note:

Divya Jyoti Renewal Centre is organizing **EPHETHA (The Youth Fest- 2017)** in the Renewal Centre. The programme aims at the spiritual empowering of the youth through psycho-spiritual and charismatic interventions. Kindly encourage and bless the youth of your parish to participate in this event.

Venue: Divya Jyoti Renewal Centre (Patel Bagan, Sundernagar)

Time: August 12 to 15 (Registration begins 12th 1pm and the Retreat ends at 15th 1pm).

Registration Fee: 300/- per person.

Number of Participants: Between 5 to 10 from each Parish.

Things to Bring: Bible, Notebook & Pen, Bed sheets and Toilet articles.

There is a SCC Training Programme for the Parish Priests and the SCC team of the Jamshedpur Diocese and Province. From each parish 5 members, including the Parish Priest can participate in the Seminar. Fr. Vijay Thomas, National Secretary of CBCI for NST and SCC will be the resource person.

Venue: Upasana, Mango, Jamshedpur

Time: 27 Evening - 30 Noon. (August, 2017)

For more details please contact Fr. Anil Dang, S.J, Director, Divya Bharati, Chaibasa, 997389150

Bible Quiz: 52

Mt. 17-1-9

- Whom did Jesus take when he went up to the mountain?
- On the mountain in front of his disciples what happened to Jesus?
- Fill in the blanks: "His face shone like the _____ and his clothes became bright as _____"
- "Master, it is good that we are here." – who said to whom?
- How many and for whom Peter wanted to make tents?

- What did the voice from the cloud say?
- "Stand up, do not be afraid" who said to whom? – Choose the right answer.
 - Peter said to John,
 - Jesus said to his disciples
 - John said to Jesus
 - Angel said to the disciples.
- What did Jesus command his disciples when he came down from the mountain?
- Fill in the blanks St. John Mary Vianney is patron saint of _____
- Which day in a week is dedicated to our Blessed Mother?

You are requested to send the answers latest by the first week of September to the following address.

Director
Divya Bharati Pastoral Centre
Near Mudhra Hospital,
Chaibasa, Jharkhand – 833201

BIRTHDAY BABIES

| Date | Name |
|------|-----------------|
| 01 | James Surin |
| 04 | Amatus Kujur |
| 05 | Cornelius Tigga |
| 08 | John Crasta |
| 20 | Alfred Balmuchu |
| 23 | Johny P.D |
| 28 | Augustine Topno |

BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

| AUGUST 2017 | | | | |
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| 06 | Sun | 06.30 pm | Feast of St. Dominic. Holy Eucharist | Jadugora |
| 10 | Thur | 09.30 pm | Meeting with the Parish Priests & Mission Station In-Charges | Golmuri |
| 15 | Tue | 10.00 am | Mass and Cultural Program St. Mary's Church | Bistupur |
| 18 | Fri | 05.00 pm | GB & AGB of CC and SJVK | Sundernagar |
| 19 | Sat | 05.00 pm | GB Meeting of DSWC | Govindpur |
| 20 | Sun | 06.30 am | Fifty Years of the Service of the Samaritan Sisters | Govindpur |
| 26 | Sat | 09.30 am | Meeting of the Junior priests | Golmuri |
| 31 | Thur | PM | To Delhi | |



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VIRGIN MARY: OUR LOVING MOTHER



On August 15 every year with deep faith and devotion, we celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary. Our Mother Church teaches us that Virgin Mary, "having completed the course of her life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Mary is the Sublime Masterpiece of God the Father. She is superbly beautiful in her perfect Love that the Angels never cease admiring the Holiest of all Virgins. We need to honour the Woman adorned with the sun, adorned with the Holy Spirit, thrice Holy and who fills the world and ranks as Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. She, the Immaculate Conception, is the Beloved Spouse of the Creator. She crushes the head of Satan. Jesus her Divine Son, is the Heart of her Heart, Soul of her Soul and the Spirit of her Spirit. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are One. She is the Queen of Angels and all creatures. Our loving Mother is the Co-Redemptrix of our Redeemer whose Sacred Heart, burning with Love, was offered to be pierced too for our sake.

This same Mother Mary has appeared to many persons of different age in various times and places to guide, teach, support us and to warn the Church and the humankind. I am going to introduce three such apparitions of our times with messages which are of prime importance for our redemption. These are apparitions of Virgin Mary at Lourdes, Fatima and Garabandal.

1. The Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

Beginning with her first apparition of February 11, 1858, Mary appeared eighteen times to Bernadette Soubirous, a girl of only fourteen years of age, When Bernadette asked the Lady who she was, she received this reply, "I am the Immaculate Conception". Less than four years before, on December 8, 1854, Pius IX had raised the teaching about the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady to be dogma of faith. Through this dogma the Church teaches us that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was from the first moment of her conception, by the singular, grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of merits of Christ Jesus the Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin, is revealed by God and therefore, firmly and constantly to be believed by all the faithful.

The Messages of Lourdes can be summed up in the following four points: a. Heavenly confirmation of the dogma of Immaculate Conception, b. Reparation for sins and personal conversion, c. Importance of prayer and specially the Rosary.

2. The Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady appeared six times to Lucia Dos Santos, age 9,

and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, age 8 and 6 respectively at Cova da Iriua close to Fatima village in Portugal. The Apparition of Mary was preceded by three apparitions of an Angel. Our Lady appeared on May 13, 1917, June 13, 1917, July 13, 1917, August 19, 1917, September 13, 1917 and the last on October 13, 1917.

Miracle of the Sun

During the last apparition the famous “Miracle of the Sun” took place at midday. The rain stopped suddenly and there appeared exceptionally bright sun, but not dazzling. The sun began to turn as if projecting in each direction bands of light of each colour that lit and collared the clouds, the sky, the trees, and the crowd. It stayed for some moments then it went back to its normal position, it stayed still for a small while and then it happened again. Suddenly it looked as if it stood out from the sky to fall headlong on the crowd that was looking terrorized; they fell to their knees and begged mercy. Meanwhile the visionary children saw a Lady dressed like the white of the sun with a blue cope, St. Joseph with the Child Jesus that blessed the world. Then after this vision they saw the Lord bless the world, standing next to our Lady of Sorrows. After these visions the Lady of Mt Carmel finished the miracle. The people then became aware that their clothes were completely dried.

The Main Messages of Our Lady given at Fatima

a) Penance

In the Gospels the word penance means a conversion of one's life, a turning away from sin, and a turning back to God. Our Lady insisted at Fatima: “*Men must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins.....They must no longer offend Our Lord, Who is already so much offended.*” Fatima message is a call for men to give up sinful practices which grieve God and draw down his chastisements on the world, and to make reparation for them. Our Lady told the children to make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices for them.

b) Prayer

Besides a call to penance, Fatima is in a special way a call for the Rosary. In each of the six apparitions Our Lady asked for daily Rosary, and especially as an instrument of world peace. After repeatedly asking for the daily Rosary, and identifying herself as “The Lady of the Rosary”, the Blessed Mother terminated the final apparition by showing the children three separate tableaux symbolizing the entire message of the Rosary. The first was the vision of the Holy Family—representing the joyful mysteries; the second a vision of Our Lady of Sorrows—representing the sorrowful mysteries; and the third is a vision of Our Lady of Mount Carmel—representing the glorious mysteries.

c) Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In the second apparition on June 13, Our Lady let the children know that “*Jesus wishes to establish throughout the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it.*” Our Lady asked to make Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

3. The Apparition of Our Lady of Garabandal

Garabandal is a small village in the Santander Province in northern Spain, where Our Lady appeared to four girls – Conchita Gonzales, Maria Dolores (Mari-Loli) Mazon, Jacinta Gonzalez and Maria Cruz Gonzales. Maria was 12 years of age and others were eleven, and all were from poor families. From 1961 to 1965 Our Lady appeared to these girls, sometimes together, sometimes alone, innumerable times. During the apparitions the girls went into ecstasies. Powerful beams of strong light were focused on them, yet their eyes did not even flicker, blink or show any signs of discomfort. The flame did not burn them. On July 18, 1962 the Miracle of the Host took place. An Angel with a golden chalice gave Conchita on her tongue the holy Host. People saw the host, but did not see the angel.

Four Main Messages of Garabandal

Three great supernatural events were prophesied at Garabandal.

a) The Warning

The first is a worldwide Warning from God to be seen and then felt interiorly by everyone on earth. At that moment, we will see the wrong we have done and the good we failed to do. The Warning will be sent to correct the conscience of the world and prepare it for the great miracle.

b) The Miracle

The Miracle will take place at the grove of pine trees on a bluff overlooking the village of Garabandal. It will occur on a Thursday evening at 8.30 on or between the eighth and the sixteenth of March, April or May. (Visionary Conchita knows the date and will announce it eight days in advance.) It will be on the feast day of a martyr of the Eucharist and coincide with an event in the Church. All the persons present either in the village or surrounding mountains will see it. The sick who are present will be cured, sinners converted and the incredulous will believe. As a result of the Miracle, Russia will be converted.

c) The “Sign”

After the Miracle, a permanent visible supernatural sign

will remain at the pines in Garabandal until the end of time as a proof of Our Lady's tremendous love for all her children. The Sign that will remain, will be able to be seen, photographed and televised, but it will not be able to be touched. It will appear clearly that it is something not of this world, but of God.

d) The Chastisement

If the world still does not change after the Miracle, then God will send the Chastisement. Dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the glorious feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, let us also remember that she as our Mother who loves us immensely. She appears to the visionaries to guide us in the path of holiness, to teach us God's will for our salvation and to warn us against the sin committed against God and imminent punishment if we do not repent. I invite all of you to reflect and meditate on God's love, to pray to Our Lady of Rosary and to love the Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. This will make our Feast spiritually meaningful and fruitful.

Your Friend and Servant
+Felix Toppo, S.J.

Family Commission Meeting

On 18th & 19th July 2017 all the diocesan directors of JHAN gathered at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Khunti at the invitation of Regional Secretary for Family Commission, Fr. Luis Joseph of Dumka diocese to reflect and discuss on *Amoris Laetitia*, the Joy of Love. The family which begins with the sacrament of Marriage is vital for the survival and existence of human family. God's presence could be experienced only in and through family. So, the Church has the utmost responsibility to take care of every family, especially the Catholic families. Hence, the marriage preparation must be taken very seriously so that the couple begin their marital life with great joy. During the deliberation, it was suggested that proper syllabus on marriage could be prepared so that those who prepare the couples could do justice to the subject.

Chaibasa Deanery Krus Vir Animators' Meeting

On 29th July 2017 *Krus Vir* animators of Chaibasa deanery gathered at Divya Bharati, diocesan pastoral centre, Chaibasa to plan for the forthcoming *Krus vir mahosavo*. After the prayer, the animators bid farewell to Fr. Dileep Marandi who served as the coordinator for *krus vir* for three years with full zeal and enthusiasm, despite his other responsibilities in the parish. They also welcomed Fr. Valerian Lobo as the new coordinator for the *Krus vir*. After evaluating and briefing about the various activities done at different centres, it was decided that this year we will have *Krus vir* Rally for the children from 26th to 28th September, 2017 at Chaibasa.

After having a sumptuous meal, all the 25 animators went back to their places. A special word of thanks to all the Parish Priests, Headmasters, Headmistresses and Principals for taking keen interest in forming our Catholic Children in Faith.

One day Football Tournament at Pursudih



30th May, 2017 St. Robert Church campus witnessed a grand foot tournament organised by Catholic Youth of Jamshedpur Deanery. Fr. David Vincent, the Vicar General inaugurated the event. There were 15 teams from different parishes. The final match was between Mango A & B teams. This was also an occasion to thank Fr. Dileep Marandi, the outgoing Diocesan Youth Coordinator for his service for the past three years. The newly appointed Diocesan Youth director, Fr. Valerian Lobo was also welcomed by the Diocesan and deanery committee members. The whole event was well organised with the help of the Parish Priest, the Principal and the various organizations of the parish. Big thanks to all for the grand success.

Diocesan Catholic Mahila Sangh

On 30th July, 2017, the diocesan Catholic Mahila Sangh committee had a meeting with Fr. Valerian Lobo, the newly appointed Diocesan Spiritual Director for women at St. Mary's Church. After getting to know each other and coming to know the difficulties, it was felt that there is an urgent need to revive the Mahila Sangh in every parish. Hence, it was decided that according to the convenience, we will organise renewal programmes at the parish, deanery and the diocesan level.

St. Xavier's English School , Chaibasa

'Fresher's Party' was organized for the students of Std – XI by the students of Std XII in the school. Our principal introduced Sr. Geeta, the Superior to all of us. She will be joining us in the month of August 2017. We celebrated the success of our students for their excellent performance in ISC/ CISCE. “Investiture Ceremony” was held on 28.06.17. The newly appointed members were presented to the principal by the discipline in-charge Mr. Surojit Das. Rahul Kumar was sworn as the head boy and Smriti Bajpayee as head girl of the school.